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1. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO REFTEL.

I. THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

A. ECONOMIC PROFILE

(1) POPULATION 6.2 MILLION (ESTIMATE). POPULATION RATE OF GROWTH
2.5 PCT. (ESTIMATE). NUMBER OF BIRTH ANNUALLY NOT KNOWN.

(2) INCOME - SINCE CENSUS FIGURES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED
AND GNP/GDP FIGURES ARE UNRELIABLE, PER CAPITA INCOME FIGURES,
ESPECIALLY AVERAGE RATES OF GROWTH, WOULD BE MEANINGLESS.
PER
CAPITA INCOME IN 1976 IS ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$91.

(3) REAL GDP GROWTH RATE (PCT.)

1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975

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6.3 4.0 5.3 -3.0 0.7 12.7

LOW RATES IN 1973 AND 1974 REFLECT CUMULATIVE
EFFECT OF DROUGHT. INCREASE IN 1975 SIMILARLY DEMONSTRATES RE-
TURN OF GOOD HARVESTS DUE TO GOOD WEATHER AND INTERNATIONAL
ASSISTANCE CONCENTRATED ON AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

(4) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (DEFICITS GENERALLY COVERED BY ADVANCES
FROM FRENCH TREASURY'S OPERATIONS ACCOUNT):

				1976		
				CHANGE		
				FROM		
	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1975PCT
INFLOW	14.0	13.4	19.2	14.4	13.6	-6.0
OUTFLOW	80.5	100.0	134.3	182.5	211.0	PLUS15.6
OPERATIONS						
ACCOUNT	63.2	78.7	110.4	153.2	189.3	0)7 23.6

DEFICITS IN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ARE DUE TO BASIC AND STRUCTURAL
TRADE IMBALANCE. (CHRONIC GOVERNMENT BUDGET DEFICITS ARE OCCA-
SIONED BY OVER-STAFFED BUREAUCRACIES AND SUBSIDIES FOR STATE
ENTERPRISES.) GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A DRIVE TO RESTORE BUDGET
EQUILIBRIUM OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS. POSITIVE SIDE OF TRADE BALANCE,
HOWEVER, DEPEDNS DIRECTLY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, WHICH IS
CAPTIVE TO ADVERSE WEATHER.

(5) TOTAL TRADE: 1976 INCREASE

	1973	1974	1974	1976	9;34 1975, PCT
IMPORTS	126.1	207.0	182.5	222.8	22.0
EXPORTS	63.2	81.7	86.1	116.4	35.0
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DEFICIT	62.8	125.3	95.9	106.4	10.9
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MAJOR EXPORTS, 1976

COTTON	41.8
LIVESTOCK	6.4
PEANUTS	6.1
PEANUT OIL	3.4
MILLET AND SORGHUM	2.9
COTTON SEED	2.2

EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES ARE MINIMAL. IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED
STATES IN 1976 WERE \$3.43 MILLION, CONCENTRATED IN USED CLOTHING
AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

(6) LITERACY RATE - 28 PCT.

(7) LIFE EXPECTANCY - 38 YEARS.

(8) PERSONS PER DOCTOR - 40,000.

(9) NUTRITION - THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE DATA ON WHICH TO ESTIMATE
CALORIC INTAKE; HOWEVER, STUDIES ESTIMATE 6 TO 10 PCT MALNU-
TRITION AMONG CHILDREN UNDER 10.

B. POLITICAL SITUATION

(1) FORM OF GOVERNMENT - CONSTITUTIONALLY-APPROVED MILITARY GOVERNMENT UNTIL 1979, WHEN ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT IS PROMISED.

(2) PARTICULAR PROBLEMS. RECENT SCHISM IN RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION (CMLN) LED TO COUP ATTEMPT WHICH WAS PRE-EMPTED BY PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE. FOUR MEMBERS OF CMLN AND 37 OFFICERS OF ARMY, AIR FORCE, GENDARMERIE AND POLICE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. INVESTIGATION OF COUP AND CONSEQUENT ARRESTS CONTINUE.

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C. HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS ARE GENERALLY GOOD, ESPECIALLY SINCE JANUARY RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS MIGHT HAVE IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION.

II. U.S. INTERESTS AND POLICIES

A. POLITICAL

(1) TO INDICATE SUPPORT OF MALIAN GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN ELECTIVE POLITICAL SYSTEM BY JUNE 1979.

(2) TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS BY CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH MALIAN GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF SHARED INTERESTS.

(3) TO UTILIZE ICA INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO INCREASE HIGH-LEVEL UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND AMERICAN SOCIETY AND TO IMPART AMERICAN LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY.

(4) TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL VISITS.

B. SECURITY - NONE.

C. ECONOMIC

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(1) TO ENCOURAGE BROAD-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EFFECTIVE USE OF AID PROGRAMS (SEE BELOW).

(2) TO SUPPORT GREATER REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS.

(3) TO SEEK MORE U.S. INVESTMENT IN AGRI-BUSINESS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

III. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. U.S. BILATERAL 1977 1978 1979

(1) DEVELOPMENT AID 10.32 8.01 16.3

(2) PL-480 NONE 3.5 DIRECT GOVT TO GOVT
NONE 3.2 WORLD FOOD PROGRAM

TOTAL PL-480 NONE 6.7

(3) SSA - NONE

B. IFI PROGRAMS 1976

WORLD BANK 35.5

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK 16.6

ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK 6.0

C. OTHER DONORS' DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, 1968- AUGUST 1976
(EXCLUDING EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF)

SAUDI ARABIA 69.4

KUWAIT 17.2

OTHER ARAB 7.0

WEST GERMANY 31.2

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FRANCE 27.4#

UNITED NATIONS 20.9

#GRANT AID ONLY: EXCLUDES LOANS, DIRECT BUDGET SUPPORT, AND CREDIT ON THE OPERATIONS ACCOUNT.

DATE ON COMMUNIST STATES' ASSISTANCE IN AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURING, FOOD PROCESSING, AND MILITARY SUPPORT NOT AVAILABLE.

IV. OBJECTIVES OF U.S. ASSISTANCE

A(1) DEVELOPMENT AID -
TOTAL 1961-1976 - \$75.13 MILLION

(2) CHANGING OBJECTIVES -
THE U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN MALI HAS MOVED FROM SHORT-TERM DROUGHT RECOVERY TO MEDIUM - AND LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK SECTORS.

(3) EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS -

--CENTRAL VETERINARY LABORATORY, CONSTRUCTED AND EQUIPPED WITH FUNDING FROM USAID GRANT AND LOAN AND OTHER DONOR SOURCES, PRODUCES DEPENDABLE AND SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES OF VACCINES FOR THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, CONDUCTS APPLIED RESEARCH TO IMPROVE VACCINE EFFECTIVENESS, AND ANIMAL DISEASE RESEARCH INCLUDING TRYPA NOSOMIASIS CONTROL.

--OPERATION MILS, A SEMI-AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION CREATED TO BOOST PRODUCTION OF MILLET AND SORGHUM IN MOPTI REGION, HAS, WITH HELP OF USAID FINANCING AND EXPERTISE, SEEN AREAS UNDER CULTIVATION INCREASE 54 PCT., NUMBER OF PLOWS PURCHASED TRIPLED, AND SORGHUM PRODUCTION IN REGION DOUBLED. THROUGH THE OPERATION, USAID PROVIDES CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF SIMPLE FARM IMPLEMENTS, FERTILIZERS, AND IMPROVED SEED VARIETIES, AND EXTENSION SERVICES. AN ANCILLARY PROGRAM OF THE OPERATION TRAINS LOCAL BLACKSMITHS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO REPAIR FARM IMPLEMENTS.

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-- SMALL FARMER CREDIT PROGRAM PROVIDES NEW OFF-SEASON ENTERPRISE, FINISH FEEDING OF SAHELIAN-GROWN LIVESTOCK, TO SEDENTARY CROP FARMERS IN MORE HUMID SUDANIAN ZONE. THROUGH CREDIT FUND, USAID ASSISTS FARMERS TO PURCHASE CATTLE AND INSTRUCTS FARMERS IN FINISH FEEDING. NET RETURN PER HEAD OF CATTLE HAS AVERAGED \$37.00. CREDIT REPAYMENT LAST YEAR WAS 100 PERCENT. INCOMES OF SMALL FARMERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED HAVE DOUBLED. PROGRAM IS A POPULAR ONE IN WHICH DEMAND FOR PARTICIPATION FAR EXCEEDS PROGRAM CAPABILITIES. FARMERS REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN 1977/78 PROGRAM INCREASED 455 PERCENT OVER FIRST YEAR. CREDIT INSTITUTION CREATED TO MANAGE THIS PROGRAM, ECIBEV, STANDS AS PROTOTYPE FOR RURAL CREDIT INSTITUTIONS IN MALI.

(4) FUTURE OBJECTIVES -

TO MAKE BETTER USE OF MALI'S AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES, INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT.

TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL MALIANS, PARTICULARLY THE POOREST MAJORITY.

B. PL-480 CURRENT OBJECTIVES

CURRENT PL-480 PROGRAM IS EXCLUSIVELY USED TO HELP MEET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS RESULTING FROM POOR HARVEST IN 1977.

C. SA - NONE.

D. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION - WE FIND WORTH RE-EMPHASIZING A PROLOGUE TO USAID BAMAKO CP, "THE GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF MALI IS ENGAGED IN A GREAT DEVELOPMENT EFFORT TO ESTABLISH DROUGHT-RESISTANT FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEMS AND DELIVER BASIC SERVICES TO ITS RURAL POPULATION... TO ENCOURAGE THIS DEVELOPMENT DRIVE, THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DONORS PARTICIPATE WITH MALI AND OTHER SAHELIAN STATES IN THE CLUB DU SAHEL, A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT FAMINE AND PESTILENCE ARE NOT INEVITABLE BUT CAN BE PREVENTED BY RATIONAL, FAR-SIGHTED HUMAN BEINGS COOPERATING IN A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN WEST AFRICA. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT,

THE UNITED STATES HAS A CLEAR HUMANITARIAN INTEREST TO DEVELOP A STRONG BILATERAL PROGRAM TO HELP ALLEVIATE HUMAN MISERY NOW AND LAY A DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE CRUEL VAGARIES OF CLIMATE IN THE FUTURE."

2. NOTE: ALL DATA ABOVE FOR CALENDAR YEARS, AND IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

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